(v) Mandatory depiction of statutory warning (including pictorial warnings) on tobacco packs.

(vi) Mandatory depiction of tar and nicotine contents along with maximum permissible limits on tobacco packs.

The Government of India has launched the new National Tobacco Control Programme to improve awareness and enforcement of the Anti-Tobacco Laws. Under the Eleventh Five Year Plan, a budget of approximately Rs. 450 crores is proposed. It is also proposed to establish the National Tobacco Regulatory Authority to ensure effective implementation of the laws. Under the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTPC), it is proposed to carry out a campaigfffor greater awareness about ill effects of tobacco among the school children.

Import of foodgrains

†*234. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of foodgrains that has been imported and exported by Government during the last three years;

(b) the quantity of wheat and pulses out of the foodgrains imported during the said period alongwith the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that despite the availability of wheat in sufficient quantity in the country, wheat had been imported from abroad, and its quality was also not good; and

(d) the names of Government and non-Government institutions which imported the foodgrains alongwith the rates at which the same were imported, the countries from which the same were imported, and the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) No import of rice, pulses and other cereals was done by Government during the last three years *i.e.* 2004-05,2005-06 and 2006-07. During 2004-05, 2005-06 no wheat was imported by the Government. However, during 2006-07, 54.54 lakh MT of wheat were imported on Government account.

During 2004-05,7.45 lakh MT of wheat and 0.90 lakh MT of rice were exported from the Central Pool maintained by the Government. No export of wheat and rice was done during 2005-06 and 2006-07. Also no export of pulses and other cereals was done by the Government during the last three years.

(c) No, Sir. The Government maintains stocks of wheat in Central Pool for meeting the requirements of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), various welfare schemes, Open Market Sales (OMS) to control market prices as and when necessary and relief for calamities besides maintaining the required buffer stocks. Since the total available stock of wheat from domestic procurement was not adequate to meet these requirements, Government had to import wheat for the Central Pool during 2006-07.

Some complaints were received from Maharashtra about quality of imported wheat allocated for Open Market Sale in March, 2007. However, samples jointly drawn by FCI and State Government representatives on testing were found conforming to quality norms. Subsequently, Government of Maharashtra has been directed not to distribute the wheat if found not meeting quality standards on testing. Further, the Government have also advised

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all State Governments to ensure that during transportation and storage all precautions are taken to ensure that there is no deterioration in the quality of foodgrains till they are distributed to the ration card holders. State Governments have also been advised that stocks available with State Government Agencies and Fair Price Shops should be regularly inspected to ensure that only foodgrains conforming to the quality specifications are distributed to ration card holders.

(d) The Government imported 54.54 lakh MT of wheat during 2006-07 through State Trading Corporation of India (STC). The wheat was imported from Australia, Russia, Canada, Argentina, France, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary and Czech Republic of Slovakia.

The rates at which wheat was imported by Government during 2006-07 were as under:—

SI.No.	Quantity (lakh MT)	Weighted Average Price US $/MT
1.	5.008	178.65
2.	7.877	191.24
3.	22.381	197.29
4.	3.292	209.65
5.	15.983	227.17
TOTAL :	54.54	204.66

The details of non-Government institutions which imported foodgrains during the last three years and their rates are not maintained with Department of Food and Public Distribution.

AIIMS like institute in Nagpur

†*235. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's decision to open AIIMS, New Delhi like institutes in seven-backward States of the country, a decision to open similar institute in Nagpur has been taken, keeping in view the backwardness of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, by when such an institute would be set up in Nagpur; and

(c) whether the financial and other arrangements required for setting up of such an institute in Nagpur have been made?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) Under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), it has been proposed to (i) set up one AIIMS like institution in the six underserved States, viz. Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttaranchal and (ii) upgrade (ii) existing Government medical college institutions in 10 other States.

The Government of Maharashtra was requested to identify and select the medical institution to be upgraded. It selected Grants Medical College and Sir J.J. Group of Hospitals, Mumbai, for upgradation. Accordingly, upgradation of this institution was approved.

Work on the upgradation of Grants Medical College has not started as matter has been challenged in Nagpur Bench of Maharashtra High Court, for non selection of Medical College at Nagpur and is presently *sub judice.*

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